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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE DWI LEADERSHIP TEAM TO CONDUCT AN INVENTORY OF
12 ALL DWI INITIATIVES IN PLACE AND MAKE AN ASSESSMENT OF THEIR
13 EFFECTIVENESS.

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15 WHEREAS, under the leadership of the legislature, many
16 measures have been enacted to address driving under the
17 influence of alcohol or drugs, or DWI, in New Mexico; and

18 WHEREAS, the legislature has increased penalties for DWI,
19 closed drive-up windows and required ignition interlock devices
20 to be installed by all DWI offenders; and

21 WHEREAS, the legislature has supported and increased DWI
22 drug courts throughout the state and has mandated treatment by
23 the corrections department for felony DWI offenders; and

24 WHEREAS, public media campaigns have heightened awareness
25 of the dangers and consequences of driving impaired; and

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1 WHEREAS, mothers against drunk driving recognizes the
2 great strides New Mexico has made and, in its 2009 state
3 progress report, ranks New Mexico as fifteenth in the country
4 for significantly decreasing the number of deaths caused by
5 drunk driving; and

6 WHEREAS, New Mexico is facing difficult financial times,
7 with drastic cuts in budgets and additional reductions
8 contemplated; and

9 WHEREAS, DWI impacts many areas of government, including
10 district attorneys and law enforcement, the courts, probation
11 and parole and the public defender department; and

12 WHEREAS, corrections is a significant cost for the state
13 and for local governments; and

14 WHEREAS, ongoing revisions to DWI laws place additional
15 responsibilities and require additional resources on budgets
16 that are currently strained; and

17 WHEREAS, the full impact of recent DWI law and policy
18 changes has not yet manifested, and more time is needed to
19 determine how best to increase the effectiveness of the
20 measures already taken;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
22 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the DWI leadership team be requested
23 to conduct an inventory of all the initiatives in place to
24 address DWI, make an assessment of their effectiveness,
25 identify any areas that require improvement and evaluate how to

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1 increase the effectiveness of existing laws and policies; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DWI leadership team report
3 its findings and recommendations to the appropriate legislative
4 interim committee no later than November 2010; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
6 transmitted to the DWI leadership team.

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